Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein *Scott Goldstein*

SUBJECT: ALS Riding Requirements

Outlined below are the minimum requirements considered necessary by the MCFRS Medical Director in order to maintain baseline active practice and credentials as an Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider.

It is the responsibility of the individual ALS provider to meet these requirements, as their credentialing relationship is with the Medical Director.

- All MCFRS ALS certified personnel at the rank of Captain or below must either:
  - Complete a minimum of 240 hours over the calendar year, assigned to any position on a controlled MCFRS ALS resource (Paramedic Chase Unit, transport unit, or AFRA), or
  - Have a minimum of 25 ALS patient encounters as the charge medic documented over a calendar year. Providers selecting this option must be the primary author of the patient care report for these patient encounters and must be the ALS provider transferring care to hospital staff.

- Exempted personnel from this requirement, granted at the discretion of the Medical Director and Office of the Fire Chief, may include:
  - ALS personnel permanently assigned as EMS Duty Officers
  - Instructors assigned to the PSTA and assigned to ALS education
  - Individuals assigned to the MCFRS EMS Section

- Adjustments of this requirement may be granted by the Medical Director in consideration of special circumstances, not limited to the following situations:
  - Extended illness, injury, leave of absence, administrative, military, or light duty
  - Higher educational pursuits that are approved by the Medical Director

- If the ALS provider fails to meet the minimum requirements above, the MCFRS Medical Director has the authority to:
  - De-affiliate that individual as an MCFRS ALS provider
  - Decline to sign a National Registry ALS Certification Renewal Application

Questions can be directed to the EMS Assistant Chief.